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FRONT COVER: The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un warmly waving back to the cheering crowds at an artistic performance for celebrating the new year 2026

BACK COVER: An artistic performance for celebrating the new year 2026

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Enlarged Meeting of 13th Plenary Meeting of Eighth Central Committee of WPK

The Enlarged Meeting of the 13th Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea was held from December 9 to 11 to review the major Party and state affairs in 2025 and to decide on a series of important issues arising at present including the preparations for the Ninth Congress of the Party.

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea, attended the plenary meeting.

The presidium of the plenary meeting was elected.

The Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee authorized the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un to preside over the plenary meeting.

Kim Jong Un referred to the main features of the struggle of the year 2025 when more gigantic projects were undertaken and greater changes were made than any other years.

Saying that as greater steps forward are taken for the development of the state and the well-being of the people across the country, we should never be conceited by the initial achievements and that only when we correctly find out the factors creating artificial difficulties in our way ahead, fiercely fight against the negative practices and elements by setting them as the main target and draw lessons in time, can the Party lead the revolution and construction correctly, he stressed the need for the members of the central leadership of the Party to take an active part in the discussion of agenda items with a deep understanding of the purpose of the convening of the plenary meeting and the importance of the issues to be discussed.

The plenary meeting dealt with the following agenda items:

1. On the review of the implementation of the policies of the Party and the state in 2025

2. On the work of the Central Inspection Commission of the Party in 2025

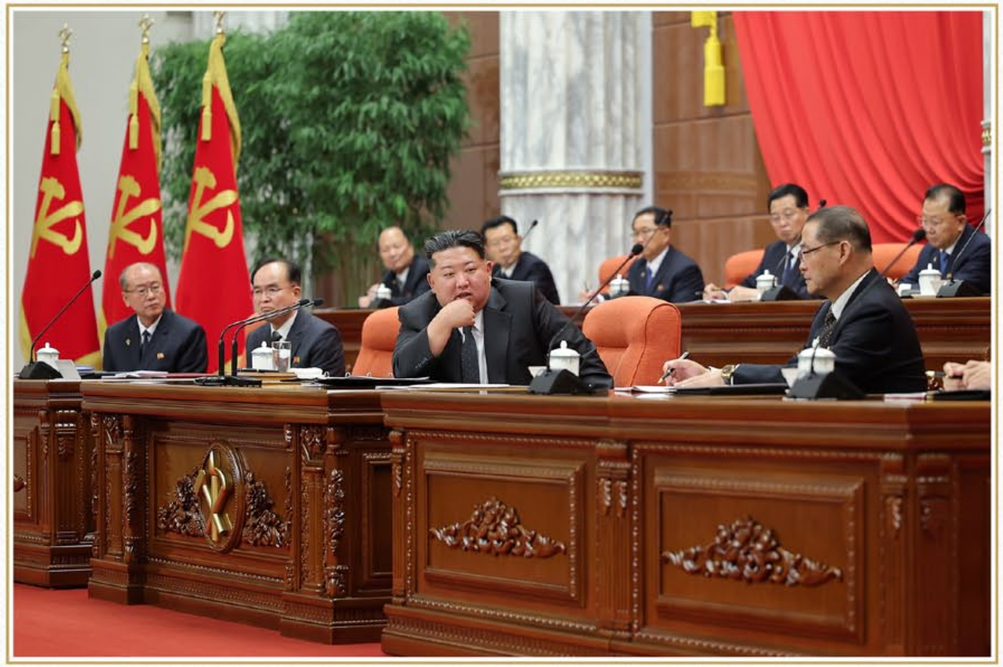
3. On the important issues related to the preparations for the Ninth Congress of the Party

4. On the implementation of the state budget for 2025 and the draft state budget for 2026

5. Organizational matter

The plenary meeting unanimously approved the proposed agenda items.

It discussed the first agenda item "On the review of the implementation of the policies of the Party and the state in 2025."



There was a report on the first agenda item.

After the report, leading officials at different levels made speeches and presented written speeches.

Kim Jong Un made relevant appraisals of the issues brought up for discussion.

The plenary meeting discussed the second agenda item "On the work of the Central Inspection Commission of the Party in 2025."

It discussed the third agenda item "On the important issues related to the preparations for the Ninth Congress of the Party."

Kim Jong Un made an important concluding speech related to the discussion of the first, second and third agenda items.

He gave the Party Central Committee's appraisal of the results achieved in implementing the Party and state policies in 2025 and outlined the major successes.

He said that 2025 is, indeed, a historic year of great turn that broke through the last line in carrying out the five-year plan with confidence and in the dynamic spirit of advance for comprehensive development and charged the motive power for vigorously entering a new stage.

He pointed out the shortcomings and evil practices that must be corrected for a higher qualitative development of socialist construction.

He stressed that we should have greater confidence in, and courage for, our cause and the future of our struggle, and continue to advance to carve out the future by dint of our unique mode of struggle and the might of self-sustenance and self-determination while boldly rectifying the mistakes and deviations.

He referred to a series of major tasks facing the Party, government and state organs at present.

Analyzing in detail the present situation of the reclaimed tideland farms, he clarified the intention of the Party Central Committee to take a revolutionary step to transform the newly organized or the most backward farms among the reclaimed tideland farms on the west coast into modern and civilized ones symbolizing the new

various forms and by various methods the information offensive for heightening the political enthusiasm and spirit of advance peculiar to our people and the task of making full preparations for various political and cultural events.

Saying that the period before the convening of the congress is a very important and responsible time for successfully concluding the work of the Eighth Central Committee of the Party and for the transition to a new phase of change hereafter, he stressed the important role of the leading cadres and senior officials at all levels including the members of the central leadership of the Party.

He ardently called for putting more spurs to the daring and offensive fighting spirit and dynamically advancing to a new phase of change with the great pride and honour of having turned the past five years into a great pioneering period of comprehensive rejuvenation.

All the participants fully supported the concluding speech.

The plenary meeting discussed the fourth agenda item “On the implementation of the state budget for 2025 and the draft state budget for 2026.”

It decided to organize a state budget deliberation team for examining and deliberating on the implementation of the state budget for 2025 and the draft state budget for 2026.

It discussed the organizational matter as the fifth agenda item.

Kim Jong Un concluded the plenary meeting.

The Enlarged Meeting of the 13th Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the WPK marked an important political occasion for clearly defining the road for new progress in socialist construction and vigorously promoting the all-people advance.

transformation of rural development.

He put special emphasis on directing nationwide efforts to the transformation of coal-mining villages.

He said that the industrial development and independent economic development of the country are unthinkable without improving the living environment and cultured way of life of the coal-mining villages and remoulding the people’s understanding of the coal-mining front. Saying that various undertakings have been carried on in different areas at an accelerated speed to eliminate the gap between towns and the countryside in recent years, he noted that the additional forming of another new front for the transformation of the coal-mining areas is an important task facing us at present for the long-term development of the country.

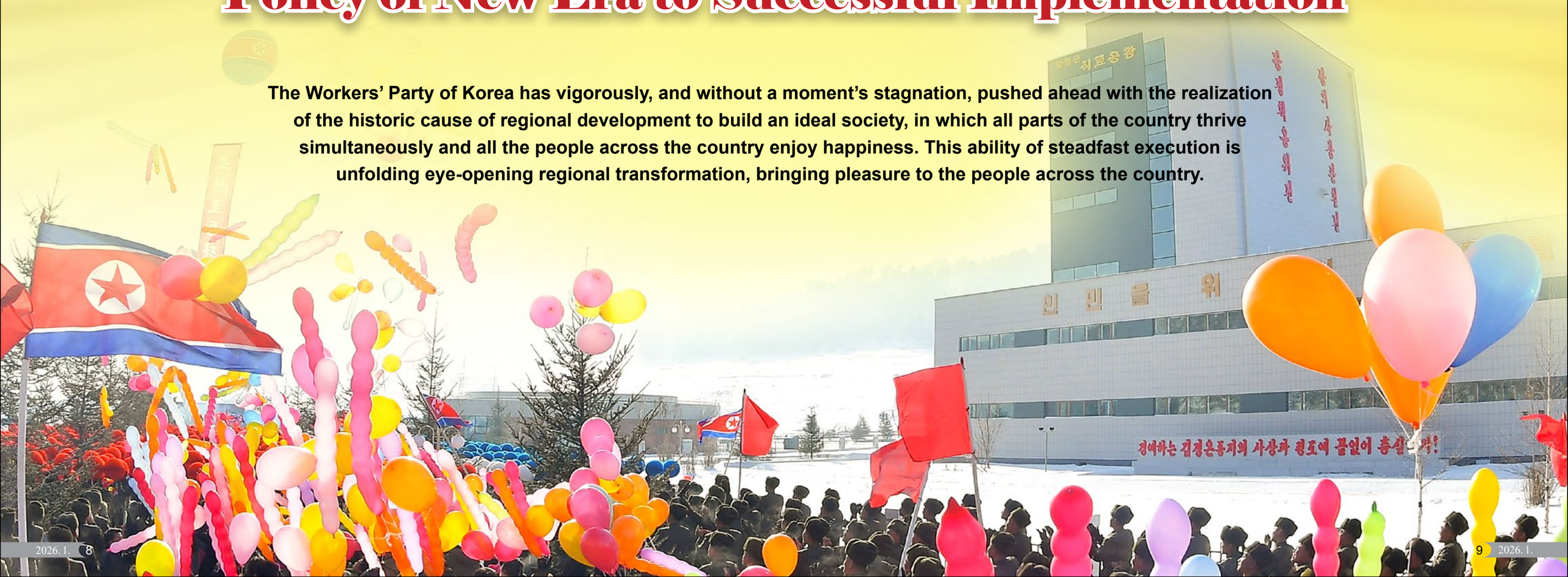
He stressed the need to make good preparations for the Ninth Congress of the Party and clarified the measures for organizational and political work to be taken throughout the Party.

He clarified the tasks for ensuring the successful holding of the Party Congress, including the task of completing pending major projects before the congress, the task for all sectors to correctly set their next five-year plans for qualitative development and propose scientific and realistic ways for their implementation, the task of increasing revolutionary vigilance and alertness and thoroughly establishing discipline and order in all fields, the task for the Party and working people’s organizations at all levels to conduct in

Regional Development 20×10 Policy

WPK Leads Second Year's Task of Regional Development Policy of New Era to Successful Implementation

The Workers' Party of Korea has vigorously, and without a moment's stagnation, pushed ahead with the realization of the historic cause of regional development to build an ideal society, in which all parts of the country thrive simultaneously and all the people across the country enjoy happiness. This ability of steadfast execution is unfolding eye-opening regional transformation, bringing pleasure to the people across the country.



Inauguration Ceremony of Kusong City Hospital Held

As the whole country is witnessing with joy the stirring changes achieved by the brilliant completion of the second year's task for implementing the Regional Development 20×10 Policy aimed at bringing earlier the wonderful future of the building of an ideal socialist society, the city of Kusong in North Phyongan Province greeted the day of inaugurating a base for advanced medical service conducive to the promotion of the health of its citizens.

The inauguration ceremony of Kusong City Hospital for the Regional Development 20×10 Policy took place in splendour on December 13, 2025.

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, attended the ceremony.

Ri Il Hwan, member of the Political Bureau and secretary of the WPK Central Committee, delivered an inauguration speech.

Upon authorization of the Party Central Committee, he extended warm thanks to the designers, builders, officials of the relevant fields and other working people who have realized with perfect creative practice the Party's long-cherished desire to provide all the people in Kusong with a wonderful hospital, in which the people-oriented character of socialist public health is genuinely embodied.

He also warmly congratulated the people of the city, who will lead a more civilized life with the completion of the modern hospital, and the medical workers and other employees of the hospital, who have become masters of the new workplace.

He referred to the fact that in the wake of the completion of the Kangdong County Hospital, which showed the perfect and new appearance of a regional hospital for the first time, the Kusong City Hospital has been successfully built based on the plan and principles of the WPK on hospital construction in the new era.

Saying that the days of achieving such good fruition that conforms to the demands of the times and is welcomed by the people are associated with the painstaking efforts of the great father, he referred to the devotion made by Kim Jong Un to lay the foundations for building up the public health capabilities one by one, prioritizing it as a sacred cause for protecting the lives and health of the people.

He stressed that the modern hospitals built in different parts of the country are a valuable result of the people-first politics that can be achieved only by the WPK and the state that subordinate everything of the state and social life to the promotion of the people's health and wellbeing.

Noting that when the tasks of the revolution in public health are resolutely and persistently carried out by taking larger steps forward following the current dynamic first step, our public health will clearly represent the genuine image of socialist Korea, he ardently called on everyone to devote their patriotic wisdom and passion with the firm faith in the validity and vitality of the Party's policies and thus bring earlier the future of a prosperous and powerful country that will brim over with the laughter and happiness of the people.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un cut the inauguration tape of Kusong City Hospital.

Fireworks were set off and balloons released over the venue of the ceremony to be specially recorded in the dynamic course of making the public health revolution in the new era, beautifully decorating the sky in meaningful December.

All the participants raised enthusiastic cheers with the unbounded pride of holding in high esteem the great leader, who makes devoted efforts and takes loving care of all the people across the country with ardent affection as the father of the large socialist family, and the boundless reverence for him.

Kim Jong Un warmly waved back to them, wishing them happiness and their families good health.

He went round various places of the hospital.

He said that Kusong City Hospital is another precious creation which shows the will of the Party to transform and strengthen the regions and the steady development to be achieved by the overall public health of the country and, at the same time, makes clearer the meaning of 2025, the first year of the public health revolution.

Recalling that the recent December Plenary Meeting of the WPK decided to build modern hospitals in 20 cities and counties simultaneously from 2026 on the basis of the experience gained in building regional hospitals into model ones in 2025, he said that it

stands out as a pressing issue to put the ranks of medical workers on an advanced level as early as possible and that talented persons are decisive in the public health revolution. He added that, to this end, it arises as an important task to radically reform the medical education system of the state in conformity with the actual situation of the country and take a revolutionary measure for training specialists in the public health sector.

He stressed the need to push ahead with the work of improving the clinical and technical level and academic qualifications of medical workers in a tactical and aggressive manner and indicated the important tasks to be tackled by the state.

He also underlined the need to make guidelines and provide a scientific and technological guarantee so that modern medical facilities and equipment can be managed and operated properly.

Saying that the issue related to the operation of hospital is also an important political one for defending the Party's policies and the people's trust in the Party, he stressed that Kusong City Hospital, one of the model units in the modernization of public health, should also create a good exemplary experience for the development of regional public health in the course of its operation.

Saying that another perfect hospital has been built and its construction is flawlessly successful, he highly appreciated the efforts of the builders who had proved the vitality of the Party's policy on the development of public health with devoted labour struggle.

Regarding the construction of the city and county hospitals as an essential and most important task for implementing the regional development policy and powerfully pushing ahead with it are the most correct option that our Party and state fully responsible for the lives and health of the people should not delay even a moment nor have any right to put off and the way they should surely take, he said, expressing his firm determination and will to have modern hospitals built in 20 cities and counties every year and thus lay solid foundations for the country's public health in the near future.

He stressed that leading cadres and senior officials at all levels including members of the central leadership of the Party should buckle down to implementing the regional development policy with the viewpoint that everything starts from now on and develop all cities and counties across the country in a balanced, accelerated and qualitative way so as to ensure that every step we take today leads to a substantial and comprehensive transformation of the regions and to the realization of the far-reaching ideals of national rejuvenation.

Going round the hospital furnished with modern medical apparatuses and excellent conditions for medical service, the participants in the ceremony keenly realized the greatness, truth and tremendous vitality of the original ideas and leadership of Kim Jong Un, who is ensuring the acceleration of the building of a highly civilized and prospering state through new qualitative changes in regions.

The inauguration ceremony of Kusong City Hospital, which meaningfully adorned the first year of the historic public health revolution, marked a significant occasion for giving full play to the soaring spirit and enthusiasm of all the people across the country, who are striving with one mind to successfully round off the first-stage struggle for pioneering and transformation towards the comprehensive development of socialism and to greet the Ninth Congress of the WPK as a congress of victors, a glorious congress.

Inauguration Ceremony of Regional-industry Factories and Leisure Complex in Kangdong County Held

An inauguration ceremony of regional-industry factories and leisure complex in Kangdong County for the Regional Development 20×10 Policy was held in splendour on December 15, 2025.

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, attended the ceremony.

Ri Il Hwan, member of the Political Bureau and secretary of the Central Committee of the WPK, delivered an inauguration speech.

Kim Jong Un cut the inauguration tape.

Kim Jong Un went round the Kangdong County Foodstuff Factory and Leisure Complex.

Expressing his emotion of witnessing the worthwhile struggle aimed at great changes across the country undergoing another proud process amid the full support of the people, he said that to achieve a leap forward in regions and provide their people with precious entities of rejuvenation and civilization is a sacred undertaking which our Party serving the people should unconditionally and consistently push ahead without a moment's stagnation or delay.

The true value of the regional-industry revolution should be verified not only in creating material wealth but also in remoulding the ideological consciousness of officials and working people in keeping with the demand of the new era, he said, adding that the spirit and fighting principle of upholding the Party's policies should remain unchanged, but the goal and sphere of creation should be steadily updated and elevated.

Saying that the regional people are the beneficiaries and enjoyers of the regional development policy in the new era, he stressed the

need to invariably preserve and glorify the original features of our style of socialism where the Party's policies are formulated for the people and the people enjoy happiness to their heart's content thanks to the policies.

As the valuable successes and experience increase and the people's dreams and ideals grow higher, our Party will lead to constant upswing and expansion the era of dynamic struggle going beyond all precedents and limits in terms of the speed of advance and changes for national rejuvenation and the breadth and depth of innovation and creation with its stronger will and strenuous efforts, he stressed.

The grand inauguration of the regional-industry factories and the leisure complex in Kangdong County serves as another significant occasion in greatly increasing the joy and patriotic enthusiasm of the people across the country, who are advancing towards the Ninth Congress of the WPK amid firework display celebrating the successes in implementing the regional development revolution.

Regional-industry Factories in Jangyon County Inaugurated

Regional-industry factories built according to the Regional Development 20×10 Policy were inaugurated in Jangyon County on December 18, 2025.

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, attended the ceremony.

Ri Il Hwan, secretary of the WPK Central Committee, made an inauguration speech.

The speaker said that the auspicious inauguration season brilliantly adorning the year 2025, throughout which an era of regional transformation has been opened up dynamically, also arrived at Jangyon County and warmly congratulated all the people in the county on holding in the presence of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un a grand ceremony of inaugurating new light-industry factories assuring them of their hometown's happy future.

He continued:

A strong current of the great era is rapidly transforming the whole country. Modern hospitals, leisure complexes and other entities of transformation that can match those in the capital city are being erected in cities and counties of the regions, and this reality represents an eye-opening change brought about by the noble intention and tireless efforts of Kim Jong Un to give fuller play to the advantages of the state system guided by the people-first principle in the actual life of the people through thoroughgoing and substantial implementation of the regional development strategy.

Kim Jong Un indicated the concrete orientation, tasks and methodologies for successfully carrying out the gigantic revolutionary undertaking to eliminate the centuries-old backwardness of the regions and realize the cherished desire of the regional people, and has made sure that the yearly construction processes become those of a leap forward to a higher stage. Under his outstanding leadership, the regions accounting for one-tenth of the country laid solid foundations for their independent development last year and those making up one-fifth have already come to have such foundations this year.

New structures, including a modern hospital and leisure complex, will also be built in this county in the future as part of the efforts for implementing the regional development policy expanding year by year. The county should carefully manage the assets of civilization provided by the new era, push ahead with the undertakings for its development on the basis of them and thus make more significant progress in improving the living standards of the regional people.

The speaker then ardently called for waging a more dynamic struggle for the steady implementation of the regional development policy and for the future of the country, which will be highly civilized and rejuvenated, by remaining loyal to the ideology and leadership of Kim Jong Un.

Kim Jong Un cut the inauguration tape.

A cute child presented a bouquet of fragrant flowers to him in reflection of the county people's unanimous reverence for him.

Kim Jong Un met some working people participating in the ceremony and shook hands with them one by one, warmly wishing the regional people a happy future.

He went round the regional-industry factories.

While undergoing the process of significant change in the second-year struggle for bringing about a radical transformation in the regions and improving the living standards of the people across the country, we further hardened the belief that when we strenuously explore the path towards development and prosperity in our own way and make courageous efforts under the uplifted banner of self-reliance, there will be no unachievable ideal and a socialist paradise can be surely built on this land, he said, and continued:

It is the cherished desire of our Party and the main goal of its regional development policy to turn all cities and counties of the country into self-sufficient and well-off regions by firmly consolidating the foundations for their development and radically improving the material and cultural living standards of their populations.

Tasting the products of the county foodstuff factory, including wheat paste and sauce, he expressed great satisfaction over the fact that the factory attaches great importance to the quality of its products, and added:

It is really spectacular to see the regional foodstuff factory producing beer with its own brand through an advanced beer production line. It is the correct implementation of Party policy and its further development to increase the indices of production

conducive to improving the material life of the regional populations with raw materials abundant in the relevant regions and to turn out excellent products.

The tastes and quality of products depend on the sincerity and skills of their producers. It is necessary to draw up guidelines on the detailed quality indices and standard operation for every production line, ranging from the sorting of raw materials to the forwarding of products, and establish a system of strictly observing them. At the same time, it is needed to organize a brisk competition for developing new products and improving quality among the newly-built regional-industry factories in order to create and promote the atmosphere of advancing and developing all together.

It is noticeable that progress has been made in a different way this year, as compared to last year, in terms of architectural design, technical aspects of construction and indices of products. If we make strenuous efforts to attain far-reaching ideals and high goals, the vitality of the regional development policy will increase with each passing year.

Then Kim Jong Un assigned a series of important tasks to be tackled in building regional-industry factories next year and promoting the self-supporting capabilities of provinces, cities and counties.

Highly appreciating the steadfast patriotic loyalty of all officers and soldiers of the 124th regiments at different levels of the Korean People's Army, he expressed expectation and belief that they will perfectly carry out the further expanded projects for implementing the regional development policy on the basis of the potentials and experience they have gained through the construction projects over the two years.

He earnestly asked the officials of Jangyon County and employees of the regional-industry factories to maintain regular production, mindful of the fact that to make the county people well-off is just the way to repay the benevolence of the Party.

Regional-industry Factories in Sinpho Inaugurated

The inauguration ceremony of the regional-industry factories in the city of Sinpho for the Regional Development 20×10 Policy was held in splendour on December 19, 2025.

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, attended the ceremony.

Ri Il Hwan, secretary of the Central Committee of the WPK, addressed the ceremony.

Saying that the eastern coastal area is sharing with other parts of the country the joy over the completion of its modern regional-industry factories, which highlights the historic significance of 2025, a year of great transformation, the speaker congratulated the Sinpho citizens on greeting the moment of glory today again after the splendid inauguration ceremony of an offshore farm held in the presence of Kim Jong Un a year ago.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un cut the inauguration tape.

Lovely children presented him with bouquets of fragrant flowers reflecting the unanimous wishes of the residents.

Kim Jong Un waved back to the enthusiastically cheering participants and warmly wished the city a bright future when it would become richer along with the history of steady transformation of regions.

He met commanding officers of the army unit involved in the construction of the regional-industry factories in the city, and encouraged all the officers and soldiers of the construction unit, who successfully built reliable production bases conducive to improving the local people's living standards by playing their vanguard role of ushering in an era of regional transformation.

He went round the Phungo Shop and the Sinpho City Foodstuff Factory.

Seeing the products produced by the regional-industry factories, he said that Sinpho has now reliable potential and strong driving force for its independent development, and that the Phungo-dong area has turned into a centre for local economic development and a powerful base for improving the people's standard of living.

He reaffirmed the will and determination of the WPK to set a higher goal of regional development and take greater strides for progress to perseveringly attain the goal without an inch of deflection.

Going round various production rooms at the foodstuff factory,

he pointed to the need for the recently-built regional-industry factories to exchange among one another their experience gained in production and generalize good points, so as to proactively promote the simultaneous development of the light-industrial production bases across the country.

He requested the officials of the city of Sinpho and employees of its regional-industry factories to steadily and persistently push ahead with the work for the normal operation and increased production of the light-industrial bases in the spirit of devoted service for the people, and thus make sure that the vitality of the Party's policy leads to the promotion of the wellbeing of the local residents.

He then visited the Sinpho City Offshore Farm.

He learned in detail about aquaculture production and processing.

He expressed great satisfaction, seeing every freezing warehouse filled with products.

Recollecting with deep emotion the day of July 2024 when he had a consultative meeting on the development of the regional economy in the place, which had only a pine forest and sandy beach, he said with pleasure that the aquaculture base, which has definitely entered the track of steady development in a matter of one and a half years, is reaping marine products on a regular basis and the light-industrial bases in the city have been furnished with a strong development potential for producing various kinds of processed seafood and daily necessities as they are determined.

Saying that the vitality of the Party's policy proving effective in reality makes us feel the pride of having made a correct decision and harden the will to go along the road of our own choice to the end, he affirmed that our ideals, will and efforts reflected in every one of our steps will surely bring earlier a prosperous future when all the people across the country will lead a happy life together.

He hoped that Sinpho, which is undergoing a process of development as a model for other cities and counties in the coastal areas of the country, will achieve fame as a highly civilized and rich city which definitely writes a new chapter of history of prosperity by relying on its independent foundations.

Regional-industry Factories and Leisure Complex in Jongphyong County Inaugurated

When the whole country is pulsating with great transformation and fresh hope, the inauguration ceremony of the regional-industry factories and leisure complex in Jongphyong County for the Regional Development 20×10 Policy took place in splendour on December 24, 2025.

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, attended the ceremony.

Ri Il Hwan, secretary of the Central Committee of the WPK, addressed the ceremony.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un unveiled the monument to the inauguration of the regional-industry factories and leisure complex.

Lovely children presented him with bouquets of fragrant flowers reflecting the unanimous gratitude of the county people.

Kim Jong Un met some working people in the county and commanding officers of the construction units who participated in the inauguration ceremony, and shook hands with them one by one as a token of warm encouragement.

He went round the leisure complex.

Going round the library and various places of the shopping section, he stressed the need to run and manage the complex effectively in conformity with its characteristics as a public centre for improving the regional culture for life, studying and commerce and training the local people to be pioneers and artists of a new culture.

Saying that the true significance of the regional revolution lies in raising the people's levels of ideological consciousness and cultural attainment to those corresponding to the new era and continuously setting higher goals and levels of creation, he clarified a series of tasks related to the construction of leisure complexes to be carried out in 20 cities and counties next year.

Then he visited the regional-industry factories.

There was an inauguration ceremony.

Kim Jong Un cut the inauguration tape.

He looked round the Jongphyong County Foodstuff Factory.

He said:

When the Regional Development 20×10 Policy was being discussed, there were certainly those who were sceptical about its implementation even among cadres as the plan for regional development was the largest ever in scale, but not only those cadres but also all our people are now convinced of the validity of the Party policy, its practical executive ability and bright prospects as

they witness the domains of construction further expanding and intensifying with each passing year and the inauguration season which has come without fail this year, too, just as last year. I think the greatest success we have made through the two-year struggle for bringing about fundamental changes in the regions is that the masses of the people have come to have deeper trust in the Party and absolute confidence in its policy.

He earnestly requested the officials and employees of the regional-industry factories to regard the people's demands and evaluation as an absolute criterion and conduct management and operation in a responsible manner so as to keep production going at a high rate.

He sincerely hoped that the new leisure complex and regional-industry factories in the county will make a substantial contribution to the economic development of the county and the improvement of the living standards of the local people.

Unsan Paper Mill in South Phyongan Province Inaugurated

At a time, when the cheers for inaugurations celebrating the steady success in implementing the regional development policy were ringing out, stirring up the whole country in 2025, a modern paper mill was built in South Phyongan Province and greeted the auspicious moment of its inauguration, opening up another new field in putting the regional industry on an advanced basis.

The paper mill, built in Unsan County in South Phyongan Province as a model one according to the Workers' Party of Korea's decision to build a paper production base in each province to satisfy its demand, will mass-produce paper for writing, packing and toilet and other paper products.

It was inaugurated with due ceremony on December 28, 2025.

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, attended the inauguration ceremony.

Ri Il Hwan, secretary of the Central Committee of the WPK, delivered an inauguration address.

He warmly congratulated the scientists and technicians, builders of the province and workers from different enterprises, who had successfully built the mill of weighty significance in developing the paper industry of Korean style and satisfying the country's long-term demand for paper.

He said that under the wise leadership of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un, who gave detailed guidance over the design and formation plans of the structure and sent a sci-tech team so as to ensure its specialization and functionality as a paper producer, construction of the mill had been pushed forward with confidence from the beginning and it took on a full appearance as a comprehensive production base, and continued:

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un visited the mill before its inauguration to encourage and highly praise the scientists and technicians who had contributed to the development of the paper industry of the country, and stressed the need to steadily develop the papermaking method and technology of Korean style. His instructions have served as important guidelines that put the paper industry on a definite development stage.

The officials and working people in the province, entrusted by the Party with the task for building a paper mill, dynamically launched a collective innovation movement to round off the construction work in a qualitative way and build and install many pieces of equipment, thus creating a model for the whole country in implementing the Party's policy on developing the regions and improving the people's living standards under the uplifted banner of self-reliance. Our scientists and technicians achieved proud successes in developing

a new paper production technology, to which the Party attaches importance, with an extraordinary pioneering spirit and enthusiasm for creation.

The speaker called for continuously making strenuous efforts to successfully carry out the regional revolution that is most urgent in improving the people's standard of living and realizing the comprehensive development of the state, stressing that regional development is a sacred undertaking to steadily transform our life and environment into a high stage of modernity and progressiveness.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un cut the inauguration tape.

He met officials, scientists and technicians of the State Academy of Sciences, who took part in the inauguration ceremony, and encouraged them, who had made a great contribution to the development of the country's paper industry by keeping the Party's spirit of self-dependence and self-sustenance as an element of their faith.

He then went round the paper mill.

He appreciated that the papermaking technology, capable of turning out various products with several kinds of wood and locally available raw materials, was introduced and a new mill of great economic efficiency and profitability was completed to provide a model experience for other provinces to build paper mills by themselves.

He added:

The decision of the Party Central Committee to establish a paper industry in each province is the one embodying the principle of optimization in construction and correctly reflecting the present situation and economic potential of the regional areas.

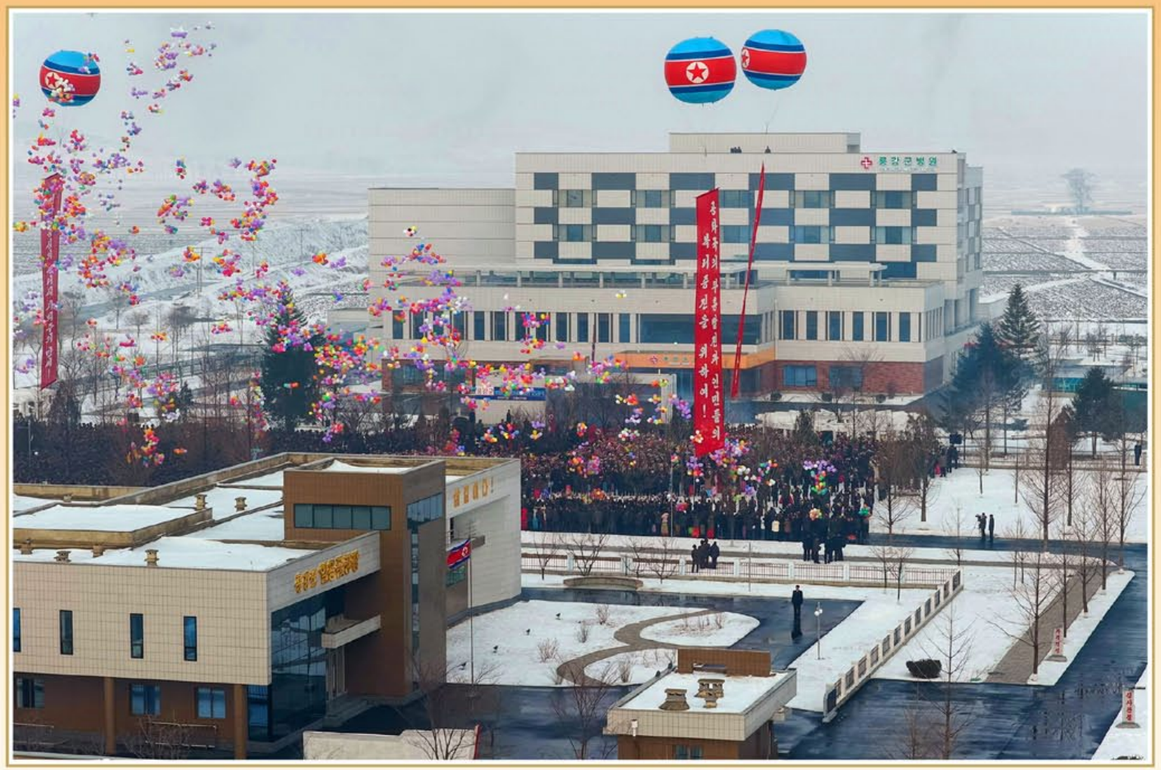
We should pursue the clear goal and orientation in developing our-style papermaking method and technology based on locally available raw materials to meet the demand for paper essential in all fields of science and technology, education and cultural life. This mill should ensure the efficiency and sustained growth of production and fully guarantee the quality of products by managing equipment, manpower and technology in a responsible manner.

He clarified the principled tasks to be adhered to in the construction of paper mills to be expanded and promoted on a nationwide scale on the basis of the experience gained in the construction and operation of the Unsan Paper Mill.

He highly praised the scientists and technicians of the Paper Engineering Institute of the State Academy of Sciences for greeting the Ninth Congress of the WPK with a proud success.

Going round the mill, the participants in the inauguration ceremony keenly felt the painstaking efforts of the great father, who is putting his heart and soul into implementing the regional development policy for fulfilling the long-cherished desire of the people, and were convinced of the hope-filled future of the country to be further prosperous under his benevolent care.

Inauguration Ceremony of Hospital and Regional-industry Factories Built in Ryonggang County in Nampho Under WPK's Grand Regional Development Policy



The second year's task of the gigantic regional development policy, decided on and powerfully led by the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea to turn all cities and counties of the country into regional bases of the socialist state in a balanced and simultaneous way, has been successfully carried out along with the completion of the hospital and regional-industry factories in Ryonggang County.

Under the WPK's grand policy on regional development, light-industry bases were wonderfully built in 20 cities and counties in 2025, following the previous year, and modern hospitals, leisure complexes and offshore farms were inaugurated in several cities and counties.

An inauguration ceremony of the hospital and regional-industry factories in Ryonggang County of Nampho Municipality was held in splendour on December 29, marking the end of the inauguration season in the year 2025.

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, attended the ceremony.

Ri Il Hwan, secretary of the WPK Central Committee, addressed the ceremony.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un cut the inauguration tape.

The participants burst into enthusiastic cheers out of their absolute trust in and boundless reverence for him who saw to it that assets of prosperity were built in their locality and personally attended the significant inauguration ceremony at the end of the year, adding to their pleasure and happiness.

Lovely children presented him with bouquets of flowers in reflection of the unanimous gratitude of the people of Ryonggang County.

Kim Jong Un sincerely hoped that the county people who greeted the auspicious event of meaningful inauguration will lead a happy life in their region good to live in.

He met commanding officers of the construction unit that had built the splendid hospital and regional-industry factories in the county, and highly appraised their loyalty to the Party and the country and sent warm militant salute to all the soldier-builders.

Then he looked around Ryonggang County Hospital.

In the course of implementing the expanded regional development policy this year, including the construction of standard regional hospitals in Kangdong and Ryonggang counties and the city of Kusong, we have made another march for the victorious advance of the sacred cause aimed at practical change of the whole country and accumulated precious successes and experience for putting the regional construction on a definite development stage, he said.

Making the hard-won, precious creations serve as powerful engine for the development of socialist public health is a heavy and responsible revolutionary task whose fulfilment is as important as their construction, he said, indicating important tasks to be tackled in operation and medical service at the regional hospitals to be built in cities and counties across the country with the year as the starting point.

He said that all the medical workers of the county hospital should carry out their inherent mission of taking responsible care of the health of the residents with a high level of medical service and sincere devotion, mindful of the intention of the Party that places

the lives and safety of the people and the promotion of their health above all else.

He noted that the inauguration of the hospital and regional-industry factories in Ryonggang County marked the successful conclusion of the construction of model hospitals and leisure complexes and regional-industry factories in 20 cities and counties planned for the year and opened up a new phase for further hastening the comprehensive development of socialist construction by relying on the absolute support and patriotic zeal of the people, and declared with pride that the year 2025 would be recorded as a historic year that proved more vividly the validity and vitality of the regional development policy in reality.

He expressed the firm belief that all the officers and soldiers of the regional construction regiments at all levels of the large combined units of the KPA will give fuller play to the indomitable revolutionary spirit and creative mettle peculiar to the KPA, which remains absolutely loyal to the orders of the Party and unconditional to realizing its long-cherished desires, and perform as ever brilliant feats in the theatres of regional construction for the cause of the Party and the happy life of the people.

Leading officials of the Party and the government went round the hospital and foodstuff, daily necessities and garment factories, together with other participants in the inauguration ceremony.

The inauguration ceremony marked another occasion that reinforced the belief in the bright future of socialist Korea which will prosper forever along with the victorious fruition of the regional development policy that has powerfully been carried on year after year thanks to the unique state-building ideas of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un and under his wise leadership.

Proud Entities Built Throughout Country for Implementing Regional Development Policy

December 15, 2025

Inauguration of regional-industry factories in Sinyang County

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Inauguration of regional-industry factories in Rangnim County

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Inauguration of regional-industry factories in Taegwan County

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Inauguration of regional-industry factories in Puryong County

December 16, 2025

Inauguration of regional-industry factories in Hwangju County

December 18, 2025

Inauguration of regional-industry factories in Pukchang County

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Inauguration of regional-industry factories in Janggang County

December 18, 2025

Inauguration of regional-industry factories in Cholwon County

December 20, 2025

Inauguration of regional-industry factories in Koksan County

December 20, 2025

Inauguration of regional-industry factories in Paechon County

December 20, 2025

Inauguration of regional-industry factories in Sepho County

December 20, 2025

Inauguration of regional-industry factories in Kim Jong Suk County

December 23, 2025

Inauguration of regional-industry factories in Kilju County

December 26, 2025

Inauguration of regional-industry factories and leisure complex in Kaephung District

December 26, 2025

Inauguration of regional-industry factories in Yomju County

New Hotels Inaugurated in Samjiyon Tourist Resort

Inauguration ceremonies of five hotels built in the Samjiyon Tourist Resort took place on December 20 and 21, 2025.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un attended the inauguration ceremonies of the Ikal and Milyong hotels on December 20.

Present at the ceremonies were officials of ministries, national agencies and armed forces organs, officials of the city of Samjiyon and employees of the hotels.

Speeches were made at the ceremonies.

Then celebrations were held.

Kim Jong Un, together with the participants, went round the Ikal and Milyong hotels.

Going round the bedrooms, recreational spaces in the interior and commercial and public catering facilities of the hotels, he said that all elements are at a high level in terms of practicality, diversity and formative art, preserving their own attractiveness, and that he was pleased to see such wonderful public service facilities built in the city.

Referring to the importance of the hotels' position and role in creating the tourism culture of the country and promoting its tourism, he said:

Service facilities are important in developing the tourist industry, but the main thing is the quality of service. Hotels should direct primary efforts to improving their capability and the professional qualifications of their employees.

To this end, it is an essential task for the state to further expand and strengthen the system of training professional service workers. It is also necessary to proactively develop new categories of service capable of fully satisfying the customers' different demands.

Building entities of modern civilization in tourist attractions on a large scale while steadily writing new pages of history of radical development and transformation in the capital and in other different parts of the country is just clear proof of the ever-growing ideal of our people and our state's potential for development.

He then expressed his unshakable will to turn Samjiyon into an innovative, highly civilized and more wonderful city representing the tourism culture of the country.

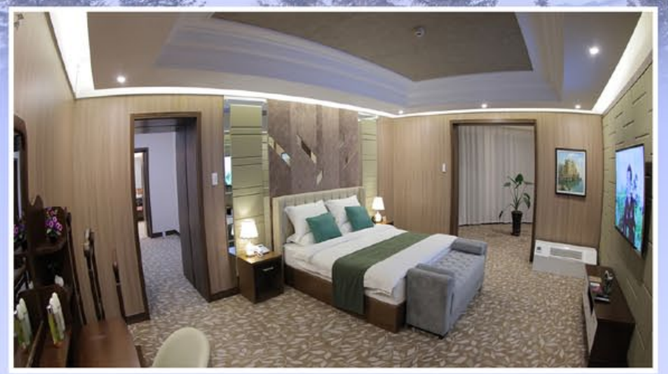
Expressing his expectation and belief that the officials and employees of the hotels will achieve success in their work, he wished the hotels prosperity.

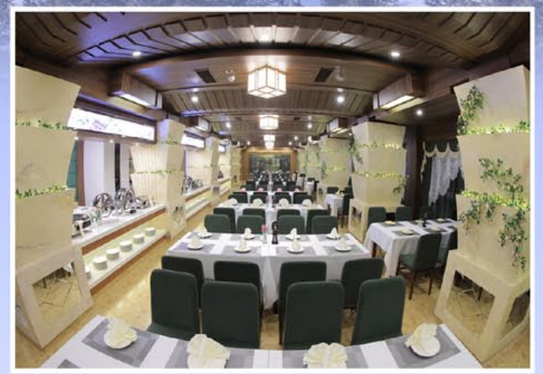
Inauguration ceremonies of the Sobaeksu, Chongbong and Potnamu hotels took place on December 21.

The completion of modern hotels demonstrating the dynamic changes in the city of Samjiyon vividly shows the high spirit of our state, which is advancing steadily towards a high stage of comprehensive rejuvenation and development under the great leadership of Kim Jong Un, and the bright prospect of the Mt Paektu area, which will shine more brilliantly as a world-renowned scenic spot.

Potnamu Hotel

Sobaeksu Hotel





Chongbong Hotel

Ceremony of Welcoming Return of KPA Unit of Engineers Held

A ceremony took place in splendour at the plaza of the April 25 House of Culture in the capital city of Pyongyang on December 12, 2025 to welcome the 528th Regiment of Engineers which returned home after carrying out the combat order of the Party in the overseas operations area.

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, attended the welcoming ceremony.

He sent a militant salute to the officers and soldiers of the unit of engineers who had defended the immortal fame and prestige of the KPA and returned home with honour.

A commanding officer of the overseas engineer combat unit courteously reported to Supreme Commander Kim Jong Un of the armed forces of the DPRK that the unit had carried out the Party's combat order.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un warmly congratulated the regiment on its proud combat achievements.

He made a speech in congratulation of the homecoming of the unit of engineers.

He warmly encouraged the officers and soldiers of the engineer regiment who had come back to the motherland after fully executing their combat order given by the Party by displaying matchless heroism and specialized features, and referred to his pain of waiting for them for over 120 days during which he had never forgotten the beloved sons even for a moment and to the regiment's combat feats which would shine forever in the history of overseas military operations.

He said that the blood and sweat the soldiers of the DPRK armed forces shed and the sacrifice they made in the overseas operations area will never be in vain and the feats the officers and soldiers of the 528th Regiment of Engineers performed will shine forever along with the fame of our powerful army.

He expressed gratitude and paid ennobling respect to the devoted service of the officers and soldiers, who are always faithful to the country, at the end of his speech.

He proclaimed that the motherland decided to award the regiment the Order of Freedom and Independence 1st Class and nine combatants fallen in the course of executing their military mission the title of Hero of the DPRK, the Order of the National Flag 1st Class and the Order of Soldier's Honour 1st Class to highly appreciate and add eternal lustre to the bravery displayed by the unit and its brilliant combat feats.

Upon authorization of the Party and the government of the DPRK, he fixed the order awarded by the motherland to the colours

of the regiment shining with immortal feats.

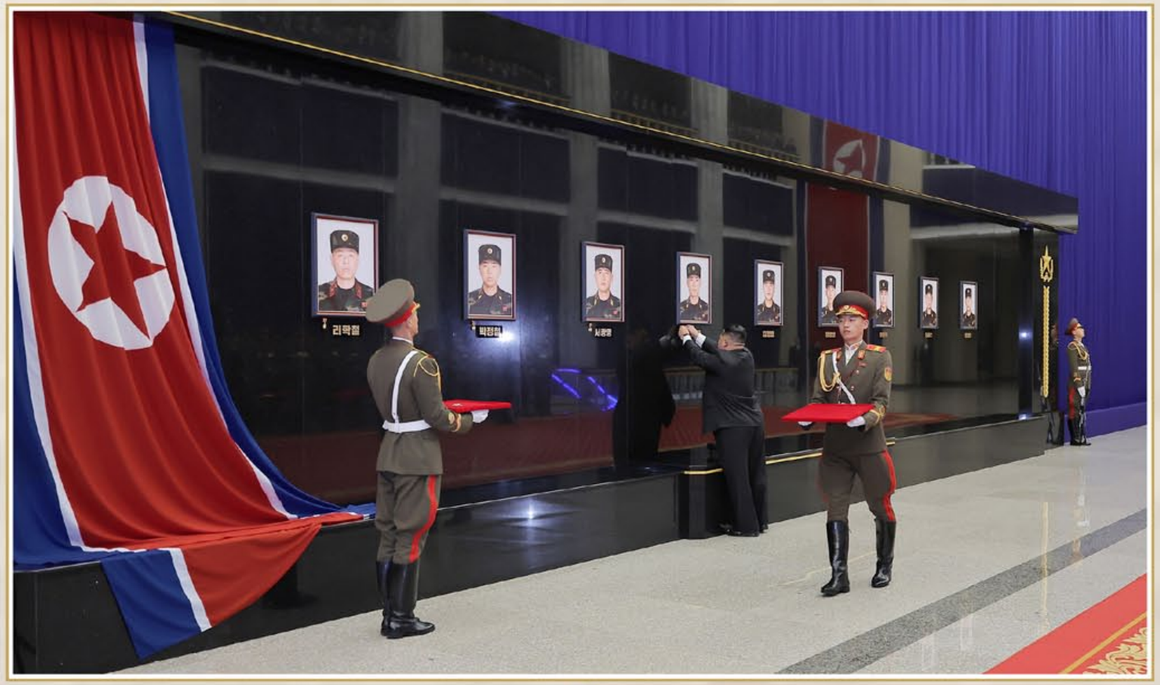
He warmly congratulated the soldiers of the regiment on receiving the thanks and high honour from the Party, the motherland and the people.

There took place a march-past of the column of the overseas engineers unit of the KPA with their glorious colours.

Kim Jong Un met the exemplary officers and combatants of the regiment and warmly encouraged them, highly appreciating the spiritual world and military feats of them who are absolutely faithful to the order of the Party and the motherland.

He said that the motherland and the people will always remember the military feats of the combatants who demonstrated the features of the true soldier, officer and human being, who are faithful to their motherland and fellow people and are proud before them, with their thoroughgoing faith and will and self-sacrificing efforts in battlefields decisive of their destiny, not in words, and that the bravery and heroism they displayed in the sacred war for defending justice and dignity will remain as the greatest source of pride and dignity of our state.

Expressing the belief and conviction that the brave combatants, who fully proved the law of victory and development of the revolutionary army that is invincible with ideology and getting



stronger by dint of it in the overseas battlefields, will steadily glorify the dignity and fame of the KPA with the worthwhile military feats of our generation, he posed for photographs with them, which will be eternally recorded in the history of army building.

He visited the memorial wall erected at the central hall of the April 25 House of Culture.

Reverently recollecting the noble life of the martyrs who had dedicated their lives to the sacred war for defending the honour and dignity of the country, he fixed the medal of Hero of the DPRK, Order of the National Flag and Order of Soldier's Honour beside their portraits.

He laid a white flower before the memorial wall and observed a moment's silence, hoping that the noble soul and spirit of the martyrs will be immortal along with their honour.

He met the bereaved family members of the martyrs and warmly consoled them, sharing with them the pain of loss.

A performance was given to congratulate the combatants on their return after carrying out death-defyingly the Party's combat order in the overseas operations area.

When the performance was over, the audience broke into stormy cheers again, looking up to Kim Jong Un.

He warmly waved back to the officers and combatants of the unit of engineers as an expression of encouragement.

A reception was given in the evening to welcome the soldiers' homecoming.

Present there at invitation were the officers and combatants of the 528th Regiment of Engineers, their family members and officials concerned.

Also present there were leading officials of the Party and the government.

Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un Guides Building of Nuclear-powered Strategic Guided Missile Submarine

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, provided on-the-spot guidance for the building of an 8 700-tonnage nuclear-powered strategic guided missile submarine.

He went round the site of the building of the nuclear-powered submarine and received a report on its progress.

Workers, scientists and technicians in the warship-building field, who are all out in the honourable struggle for implementing the WPK's policy of modernizing the navy, are pushing ahead with the building of a strategic nuclear attack submarine, one of the five major tasks for developing the defence capabilities set forth at the Eighth Congress of the Party, by giving full play to the great power of self-reliance and inexhaustible patriotic enthusiasm.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un stressed once again the importance and significance of the building of the strategic nuclear attack submarine in carrying out the self-reliant defence policy of the WPK and the government of the DPRK.

We have made strenuous efforts to build the nuclear shield capable of reliably defending our national security and secured the capability for expanding it to the extent necessary for ensuring the national security environment, he said, adding that the newly-built nuclear submarine will represent an epoch-making crucial change that further assures ourselves and even the enemies of the war deterrent level the DPRK has reached. He clarified the steadfast will and the strategic and tactical policy to steadily press on with the arming of the navy with nuclear weapons.

That day, he learned in detail about the ongoing research on the new secret underwater weapons under development and clarified a strategic plan for reorganizing the naval forces and establishing new units.

Test-fire of New-type Anti-aircraft Missiles Conducted

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, oversaw a test-fire of new-type anti-aircraft missiles.

The Missile Administration of the DPRK conducted a test-fire of new-type high-altitude long-range anti-aircraft missiles under development on the East Sea of Korea on December 24, 2025.

This was the first test-fire for assessing the tactical and technical features of the high-altitude long-range anti-aircraft missile system under development.

The launched missiles accurately hit the mock targets at a high altitude of 200 kilometres.

The test-fire is part of the routine activities of the Missile Administration and its affiliated anti-aircraft weapon system research institutes for the rapid technological development of national air defence means.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un extended congratulations on the successful test-fire.

Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un Oversees Long-range Strategic Cruise Missile Launching Drill

A long-range strategic cruise missile launching drill was staged on the West Sea of Korea on December 28, 2025.

The drill was aimed at checking the counter-offensive response posture and combat capability of long-range missile sub-units, making missile soldiers proficient in manoeuvres and procedures of fulfilling firing missions, and inspecting the reliability of the relevant strategic weapon system.

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, oversaw the strategic cruise missile launching drill.

The strategic cruise missiles flew along the flight path set in the sky above the West Sea of Korea for 10 199s and 10 203s, and hit the target.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un expressed great satisfaction, saying that the result of the drill was the practical verification and clear demonstration of the absolute reliability and combat efficiency of the country's strategic counterattack capability.

He stressed that checking the reliability and rapid reactions of the components of the DPRK's nuclear deterrent on a regular basis and steadily demonstrating its might are just a responsible exercise of the right to self-defence and war deterrent under the present situation in which the country is exposed to various security threats.

He affirmed that the WPK and the DPRK government will as ever devote all their efforts to the unlimited and sustained development of the state's nuclear combat forces.

Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un Gives Field Guidance at Major Munitions Industry Enterprises

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, visited major munitions industry enterprises to acquaint himself with the missile and shell production in the fourth quarter of 2025.

He received a report on the results of the missile and shell production sector in 2025 and its production in the fourth quarter.

He referred to the need to work out the production plan for 2026 higher in a development-oriented way in line with the prospective national demand of the operation of the missile and artillery forces and to accordingly reinforce the technical foundations of the relevant production enterprises in a balanced way so as to further expand the overall production capacity, before advancing the technical and economic tasks for that.

He highly praised the major munitions industry enterprises for having successfully fulfilled their production plans for 2025, the last year of implementing the five-year plan set forth at the Eighth Congress of the WPK, and made a pivotal and core contribution to implementing the plan for developing the national defence capabilities in the period under review.

In order to satisfy the prospective demands of the missile and artillery forces of the Korean People's Army, it is necessary to continuously raise the level of modernization of the munitions industry by establishing new munitions industry enterprises as planned, the construction of which will be decided on at the Ninth Congress of the WPK, and steadily updating the production structure of the existing factories in a more efficient and practicable way, he said.

In particular, the missile and shell production sector holds the most important position in bolstering up the war deterrent, he said, stressing that the Missile Administration and the relevant general bureau of the Second Economy Commission should make thorough preparations for unconditionally accepting and responsibly achieving the new modernization and production target to be set at the Ninth Congress of the WPK.

That day, he ratified the draft documents on the modernization plans of the major munitions industry enterprises to be submitted to the Ninth Congress of the WPK.

Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un Gives Field Guidance at Major Munitions Industry Enterprise

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, visited a major munitions industry enterprise on December 28, 2025 to learn about the production of weapons and other combat equipment.

He was accompanied by Jo Chun Ryong, secretary of the Central Committee of the WPK, No Kwang Chol, minister of National Defence of the DPRK, Kim Jong Sik, first deputy department director of the Central Committee of the WPK, Jang Chang Ha, general director of the Missile Administration of the DPRK, and the relevant officials of the munitions industry department of the Central Committee of the WPK.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un learned about the production of multiple rocket launchers to be deployed in major units of the Korean People's Army according to the decision of the Central Military Commission of the WPK.

He repeatedly praised the upbeat revolutionary attitude of the workers of the enterprise, who were waging a labour struggle to attain the goal of producing the multiple rocket launcher system set by the Party while increasing production every day in high spirits.

Stressing once again the importance of the weapon system being produced by the enterprise, he encouraged the workers in their production campaign.

The multiple rocket launcher system, which will be a main strike means of the KPA, will completely change the composition of our artillery forces, he said, noting that the enterprise plays a pivotal role in implementing the Party's military strategic policy on modernizing and reinforcing long-range artillery pieces. And he expressed satisfaction, saying that the weapon system, which will be used in large numbers and in a concentrated way in military operations, is a super-powerful weapon system as it can annihilate the enemy through sudden and precise strike with high accuracy and devastating power and can also be used as a strategic attack means. It is really a laudable success that we are producing with our own efforts and technology the world's only operational and tactical weapon system with the greatest military effect at will to meet the demand, he added.

He also referred to the prospective modernization project of the enterprise.

He said that we should bring about a revolution in upgrading the artillery weapon system and, to this end, it is necessary to provide the enterprise with remarkable production capacity by further perfecting its production structure and improving the technical foundations of its production lines in particular and thus fully guarantee materially and technically the successful attainment of the munitions production goals to be set forth at the Ninth Congress of the WPK.

He stressed the need for the overall munitions industry field as well as this enterprise to constantly push ahead with the establishment of an advanced industrial structure, steady expansion of production capacity and innovative technological upgrading capable of producing more weapons and other combat equipment in conformity with the development-oriented requirements of the defence science and industry in the present era and the goal of modernizing our army and its demand.

He ardently called for building on the successes achieved in 2025 to attain greater successes through strenuous efforts in the struggle for bolstering up the defence capabilities in 2026.

His field guidance that day served as a new milestone in increasing the country's war deterrent in a practical way.

Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un Visits Major Munitions Factory to Learn about Production of Tactical Guided Weapons

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, visited a major munitions factory on January 3 to learn about the production of tactical guided weapons.

He first looked round the technically updated production areas to learn in detail about the modernization.

Expressing the view that a more innovative plan and establishment of a rational system are necessary for the flexible automatic manufacturing system and production areas, he said that, from a practical point of view, there still exist some deficiencies in the modernization of the assembly process and that the design of the process and the corresponding arrangement of equipment are important in eliminating them. And he gave instructions to reexamine the overall plans for the construction and modernization of munitions industry enterprises in 2026 and to propose again optimum plans taking into account the aforesaid aspects.

He appraised the multi-mission precision guided weapons being produced at the factory.

He said: The potential military and technical capabilities and effectiveness of our excellent tactical guided weapon system have military effective value great enough to replace even the multiple rocket launcher system in the future. We will equip major units with this weapon system in an organized way from the first half of this year. Attention should be paid to the need to decisively expand the current production capacity by about 2.5 times in order to meet the unit-specific demand for equipment as planned by the Ministry of National Defence and the General Staff.

He stressed the need to pay close attention also to improving the quality of cooperative products.

He expressed belief that all the officials, technicians and workers of the factory would take the lead in upholding the Party's policy on munitions industry with greater technical innovation and production results.

National Flag-raising and Oath-taking Ceremony Held to Mark Constitution Day

A national flag-raising and oath-taking ceremony took place at the Mansudae Assembly Hall on December 27, 2025 to mark Constitution Day of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, amid the struggle of the year 2025 for the country's comprehensive prosperity and development, which was resulting in signal successes, and patriotic enthusiasm of all the people soaring remarkably to greet the Ninth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea as a congress of victors, a glorious congress.

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, attended the commemorative event.

The guard of honour of the Korean People's Army lined up at the venue for the commemorative ceremony.

A ceremony of hoisting the national flag of the DPRK took place.

Members of the guard of honour of the Korean People's Army solemnly escorted the national flag of the DPRK into the venue for the ceremony.

The glorious national flag was hoisted.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un made a commemorative oath to mark Constitution Day of the DPRK.

Led by the head of state, the participants solemnly vowed before the national flag to strive heart and soul to glorify forever the greatness and beauty of the country by always remaining infinitely faithful to promoting the people's wellbeing and the growth and development of the state, thoroughly safeguarding the Constitution of the Republic, strictly fulfilling their legal obligations, firmly defending the socialist ideals and system and staying loyal to their beloved motherland as persons responsible for defending the sovereignty of the DPRK and the interests of the Korean people and serving the state and the people.

Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un Meets and Has Photo Taken with Labour Innovators and Meritorious Persons Invited to Celebrations of Constitution Day of Democratic People's Republic of Korea and New Year's Day

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un met and had a photo taken at the Mansudae Assembly Hall with labour innovators and meritorious persons invited to the celebrations of Constitution Day of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and New Year's Day.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un met the women footballers and coaches who had taken the first place in the 2025 FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup, and had a photo taken with them.

Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un Visits Kumsusan Palace of Sun on Occasion of New Year 2026

All the people across the DPRK paid the highest respect to President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il, eternal leaders of the Workers' Party of Korea, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and its people and great sages of the revolution, greeting the hope-filled new year with the great pride of having successfully concluded the historic struggle of 2025 for the overall development of socialist construction, rallying closely around the Workers' Party of Korea.

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the WPK and president of the State Affairs of the DPRK, visited the Kumsusan Palace of the Sun on January 1 on the occasion of the new year 2026.

He was accompanied by leading officials of the Party and the government and senior officials of the Party Central Committee, the Standing Committee of the Supreme People's Assembly, the Cabinet and ministries.

Also accompanying him were commanding officers of the Ministry of National Defence of the DPRK.

Flower baskets were laid before the statues of President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un, together with other visitors, paid high tribute to the statues of the great leaders.

At the halls of immortality where the President and the Chairman lie in state, he paid new year greetings to them.

All the visitors made a firm pledge to fulfil their responsibility and duty in the vanguard of accomplishing the sacred cause for the eternal prosperity and development of the great DPRK and the promotion of the people's wellbeing by supporting the ideas and leadership of Kim Jong Un with single-minded loyalty.

Artistic Performance Given in Celebration of New Year 2026

The hopeful new year 2026 has come to the country, which is dynamically advancing towards the grand, long-term goal of achieving the comprehensive development of socialism and the promotion of the people's wellbeing under the leadership of the ever-victorious Workers' Party of Korea.

An artistic performance for celebrating the new year 2026 was given in splendour at May Day Stadium in Pyongyang, the capital of the DPRK, adding great joy to the whole country ahead of the new year's journey to be more vigorous and gigantic.

Prior to the performance, there was a Taekwon-Do demonstration showing the wisdom and bravery of the Korean people.

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, enjoyed the performance.

He waved back to the enthusiastically cheering masses and extended warm greetings to the beloved people across the country.

The national flag of the DPRK was hoisted.

The performance began with the songs *We Love Our Country* and *The Glorious Motherland*.

Put on the stage were such famous songs as patriotic songs reflecting the intense love of all the people for their country that is demonstrating its dignity and glory all over the world in the great era of Kim Jong Un.

When the emotion-charged countdown for seeing 2025 off ended, a bell rang out, celebration torch was kindled and spectacular fireworks were set off, signalling the start of the new year.

Lovely children presented bouquets of fragrant flowers to Kim Jong Un and paid new year greetings to him.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un made a speech in

celebration of the new year.

He extended militant salute to the working people in all sectors, including the industrial and devoted agricultural workers and intellectuals, and other people across the country, who were greeting the meaningful moment of the new year with high dignity and hopes, to the generals and other officers and soldiers of the heroic army, who were greeting the new year filled with the pride in having glorified the previous year with invaluable feats and with a pledge of sacred service, and to the officers and soldiers of the overseas operations units, who would be greeting the new year in the far-away alien land with deep yearning for their homeland. He also extended warm greetings to the overseas compatriots, who are devoting themselves to the patriotic work for the development and prosperity of their motherland.

Referring to the precious successes and phenomenal changes in 2025 when they boosted the strength and dignity of the country with fervent hopes and efforts, he said: This is certainly an honour that has resulted from our ideals and faith, our strength and strenuous efforts, and at the same time, it is clear proof that we are following the right path.

He affirmed with pride that 2025 was a year, in which they saw in their mind's eye the future of their state that will grow more powerful and beautiful thanks to the affection, wisdom and sweat of the excellent people.

He ardently called for uniting more firmly on the strength of patriotism and advancing more vigorously and courageously towards the new future to be indicated by the Ninth Congress of the Party. And he proposed that all the participants raise a cheer to express warm affection for, and infinite dignity of and pride in, their state.

All the participants shouted hurrah for the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, their great motherland.

Warmly waving back to the cheering crowds, Kim Jong Un wished love and happiness at all families across the country in the new year.

Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un Has Photo Taken with Family Members of Commanding Officers of Overseas Operations Units

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, on January 1 met with family members of commanding officers of the overseas operations units who participated in the new year celebrations for 2026.

The family members of commanding officers of the overseas operations units, who came to see Kim Jong Un whom they had longed for even in their dreams, extended their greetings of best wishes to him as he repeatedly showed special affection and tender feeling for them with parental care of being more concerned of children further apart.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un said that he all the more missed the commanding officers and combatants of the overseas operations units who would be placing their minds on this celebration venue, wishing for the eternal prosperity of their country and happiness of their families at battlefields in an alien land, at that meaningful moment when the whole country was greeting the hopeful new year after seeing the old year out with precious memories and pride.

He said that the commanding officers of the overseas operations units would greet the new year in the overseas operational area, yearning for their beloved families even at that moment, and that they would redouble their strength and courage while missing even in their dreams their families who are eagerly waiting for them to return home safe and sound.

He continued that the commanding officers would probably be very pleased to hear the news about their meeting and see their photo on the battlefields, and proposed to wish for the beloved people to return home safe after discharging their mission. Then he had a meaningful photo taken with all the family members of commanding officers of the overseas operations units.

Banquet for Labour Innovators and Meritorious Persons Given in Celebration of New Year

A new year banquet was given at the Mokran House on December 31, 2025 for labour innovators and meritorious persons who had contributed to glorifying the significant 2025 as a year of great turn that constituted a new watershed in the history of growth and development of the DPRK.

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, attended the banquet.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un made a significant speech.

He expressed his excitement of sitting together with labour innovators representing the great people, all the beloved people of the country, to see the busy and successful year 2025 out and start a new struggle of 2026, extending warm thanks to the labour innovators, meritorious persons and all other people for the patriotic efforts and devotion they had made for all the successes of the year.

He said that the labour innovators and meritorious persons are possessed of excellent qualities and mettle of the Korean people, the strongest, most assiduous and most resourceful in the world, and the day's place was glorious as there were those days in which they devoted their all, while burning their hearts and shouldering more burdens with patriotic loyalty, to making the country greater and the progress faster.

The first and foremost thing is that we have redoubled our confidence and strength, which can never be easily gained by anything, he said, extending warm new year greetings to the participants in the banquet, and through them, to all the citizens in all regions of the country.

He wished all the participants good health and more worthwhile and valuable successes in the future, and proposed a toast to harmony and happiness, delight and laughter at all the families across the country.

Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un Has Photo Taken with Schoolchildren Participating in New Year Performance

On New Year's Day warm affection was shown for children by the benevolent father who regards the bright smile of them, the hope and future of the DPRK, as the image of Korean-style socialism.

The respected fatherly Marshal Kim Jong Un on January 1 met with the schoolchildren participating in the new year performance in 2026 and warmly wished them a bright future.

The venue of the photo session was filled with the schoolchildren's deep emotion and joy of meeting the fatherly Marshal, whom they had longed to see even in their dreams, on New Year's Day, the happiest day in the world.

When he arrived at the venue, members of the Korean Children's Union presented fragrant bouquets to him in reflection of the deep thanks and new year greetings of all the schoolchildren across the country.

Acknowledging the enthusiastic cheers, he extended warm greetings to all the schoolchildren across the country on New Year's Day.

He met the KCU members who had exalted the honour of the country with gold medals and set examples in the study, organizational life and good-conduct movement.

He wished the schoolchildren, who grow up into intelligent and courageous persons as they dream of demonstrating the honour of Korea and acquire practical knowledge to add more lustre to the country, a rosy future.

He said that the looks of the upright and gallant successors and reserves, who love the socialist country most and will develop it to be the best country in the world, and their brisk footsteps are just the power and valiant spirit of vibrant Korea, and had a photo taken with those schoolchildren participating in the new year performance, hoping that they would sing to their heart's content of their great ambition, will of succession, budding ideals and surging passion.

He met with the leading members of an art troupe of Korean schoolchildren in Japan who visited their socialist homeland, and stressed the need to train the rising generations of the General Association of Korean Residents in Japan to be reliable pillars who will carry forward the baton of the patriotic cause.

Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un Visits Construction Site of Sinuiju Combined Greenhouse Farm to Encourage Young Builders

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, visited the construction site of the Sinuiju Combined Greenhouse Farm on January 2 to congratulate and encourage all the young vanguard members and soldier-builders who greeted the significant new year in the struggle to glorify the Ninth Congress of the WPK with proud labour achievements.

When he got off his private train, all the young builders enthusiastically cheered with great reverence for him who was starting his leadership in the significant new year at their construction site to give them warm parental blessing.

He greatly encouraged the young people, officers and soldiers who had added glory to the noble name of their generation for the times and history out of boundless patriotism, loyalty and indomitable pioneering spirit and through a heroic struggle, deeming the Party's regional development plan and decision a supreme order.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un made a congratulatory speech.

He said that right after the national events in Pyongyang were over, he rushed there to start the year 2026 together with the young vanguard members and soldier-builders greeting the new year in the northwestern tip of the country far away from their families and beloved homes, and extended warm greetings of encouragement to them on behalf of the Party Central Committee, the government of the DPRK and all the people.

Saying that the young builders came to the grand construction site, to which the Party and the state attach importance, so as to transform the island area, which had severely been hit by natural disaster, into an ideal farming town in the new era in more than 500 days, he noted that during those days they opted for hardship and self-cultivation, instead of enjoyment and comfort, regarding it as a worthwhile choice of their youth, and cultivated the strong will and enthusiastic spirit of being able to overcome difficulties, make innovations and do patriotic work, and this is a valuable asset of a lifetime that cannot be bartered for anything.

Witnessing the great strength of the youth and every structure

associated with the passion and sincerity of our younger generation, our people picture the eternal prosperity of their country, he said, adding that seeing them growing up to be robust, the people get convinced of the continuity of Korean-style socialism. He noted that there is no such young generation as the Korean youth in the world and this is something very pleasant and satisfactory for the WPK responsible for the future destiny of the country.

Saying that it would not be long before the large-scale greenhouse farm would be presented as a gift of loyalty to the glorious congress of the motherly Party, he noted that he would have a picture taken with them in the transformed area on the day of its inauguration and the Ninth Congress of the WPK would greet the proud young people in the plaza of the April 25 House of Culture where they had started their courageous advance.

He proposed that the young vanguard members and soldier-builders, brave pioneers of a new generation, give cheers of "Hurrah!" in chorus in reflection of their boundless respect and love for the motherland with the vigorous stamina of youth to make their cheers heard in Pyongyang and all other parts of the country and even deep in the centre of the earth.

All the young builders shouted aloud "Hurrah!" for the DPRK, the glorious motherland of all the people, which will prosper forever.

Kim Jong Un met and warmly encouraged the labour innovators.

That day he looked round the area of the Sinuiju Combined Greenhouse Farm nearing completion.

He recalled with deep emotion the days when he came up with a new regional development plan and pushed ahead with it to establish a large greenhouse farm on the banks of the Amnok River where a new life of socialism had settled after eradication of the aftermath of a natural disaster, and feasted his eyes on the precious asset of the country.

Through the construction of the Sinuiju Combined Greenhouse Farm, we have more deeply realized the truthfulness and great power of self-sustenance and self-determination and come to more clearly observe the level of the working spirit and creativity we have firmly cemented and cultivated, he said, expressing his firm will to more ambitiously plan the undertakings for the promotion of the wellbeing of the people across the country and radical transformation of the regions and strenuously implement them.

Highly appreciating the patriotic zeal and devoted efforts of young builders who had created a new legend of gigantic transformation, breathing the same breath as and keeping pace with the Party, he referred to the issues of successfully finishing the arrangement of the environs of the farm and a series of tasks to be tackled in its operation and management in the future and gave an instruction as regards its inauguration ceremony.

On Occasion of New Year 2026

Colourful events took place to mark the new year 2026, including a national flag-hoisting ceremony and fireworks display, an evening gala of youth and students, and schoolchildren's new year performance *My Country Is the Best*.

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